GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Upgradation of Airport
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to declare Swami Vivekananda Airport in Raipur of Chhattisgarh State as international airport, if so, the time by which it is likely to be done;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to develop airstrips at Bilaspur, Jagdalpur and Ambikapur and convert into airports, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Airports Authority of India (AAI) has given permission to develop airport at Raigarh, if so, the action taken so far in this regard;

(d) whether efforts are being made to convert old terminal of Raipur airport into cargo terminal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): No, Madam. There is no such proposal at present.;;

(b): Bilaspur Airport is a non-operational airport which belongs to Airports Authority of India (AAI). Army has requested AAI to hand over Bilaspur Airport for joint user needs. AAI has agreed to the proposal subject to the condition of retaining 53 acres of land area for development of a Civil Enclave at the Airport.

Jagdalpur and Ambikapur airstrips belong to the State Government of Chhattisgarh. On the request of State Govt., AAI has carried out a pre-feasibility study at Jagdalpur airport and has found the airport suitable for usage of 2C aircraft in Visual Flight Rules (VFR) conditions. The State Govt. has decided to develop Jagdalpur Airport and has submitted drawings to AAI, which have been approved by AAI and communicated to the State Govt. So far AAI has not received any development plan for Ambikapur Airport from the State Government. ;

(c): Yes, Madam. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an MoU with the State Govt. of Chhattisgarh for development and operationalisation of Raigarh Airport on 23.07.2013. AAI has prepared the Master Plan of the Airport and forwarded it to the State Govt. for allotment of requisite land and funds.;;

(d) & (e): The old terminal building at Raipur Airport has been converted into Cargo Terminal and is operationalised.